

HOUSE BILL 2005
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 1, Part 8, relative to testing the oxygen
saturation level of newborns.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 8, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

68-1-805.

The physician attending any newborn child in a hospital in this state, or the
person attending any newborn child in a hospital in this state if the child is not attended
by a physician, shall have the child's oxygen saturation level tested with an oxygen
probe at least one (1) time before the child is discharged from the hospital. The reading
shall be taken on finger and toe and the reading should be done shortly before
discharge. If a child's oxygen saturation level is below ninety-two percent (92%) when
initially evaluated, the physician or other person attending the child shall conduct other
tests such as chest x-ray and echocardiography by a pediatric cardiologist to determine
the cause for the child's low oxygen saturation level.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.